

PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

Judge Henry Clay Caldwell of Arkansas is talked of as a possible Democratic candidate for the vice presidency this year. Judge Caldwell was born in what is now West Virginia in 1832. He was educated in Iowa and studied law at Keokuk. When President Lincoln called for volunteers, Caldwell organized a cavalry company, joined the



JUDGE H. C. CALDWELL.

Third Iowa cavalry as a major and afterward became colonel. In 1864 President Lincoln appointed Colonel Caldwell United States district judge for the Arkansas district. He remained in this position for 27 years, when President Harrison appointed him to the judgeship of the Eighth United States circuit, a position he still holds. Judge Caldwell is a very busy man, as the Eighth circuit embraces ten states and four territories.

Sousa and His Whale.

John Philip Sousa composes most of his operas while traveling with his band. His latest one, "Chris; or, The Magic Lamp," is an exception. He wrote most of that at Manhattan Beach between performances in the casino. He tells an amusing story of the hard time he had with his song of the ambitious whale. He had the idea. It came to him in a flash of inspiration, but he could not work out the details. "I wrestled with it for days," said he. "I thought of it at mealtime, on the bicycle track, on the stage—everywhere and all the time. I dug down in subterfuge and worried and wrestled until finally I had it in a shape that I was satisfied with. I think I could have captured a real whale without much more trouble."

Sousa wrote most of "El Capitan" in the south, and his little daughter, who inherits his musical talent, learned it as fast as he composed it and used to sing it for him while he tried it on the piano. "The Bride Elect" was written while he was on his long tour to the Pacific coast.

Gerry's Cordiality.

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry is one of the most affable public men the newspaper interviewer meets. The latest is always out for the visiting reporter at Mr. Gerry's office in the big red building on Broadway.

Seldom does the newspaperer leave without a good story. The gracious commodore has been known to sit for a full hour in entertaining conversation with press representatives. His welcome is ever effusive and open hearted. He frequently divines the reporter's approach before the elevator stops at the third floor and greets his visitor with extended hand. The commodore's invariable greeting is a heart warmer to the struggling journalist accustomed to the Klondike hauteur of most daily great men.

The Secretary Likes Large Words. Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, likes to use big words when he talks for publication in the newspapers.

His phraseology is a bit forced, and every once in a while he sinks into common, everyday expressions, but catches himself and repeats what he said in little words in very big ones.

In appearance he is the typical man of finance. His hair and beard are almost glaringly white and form a sharp contrast to the blue black frock coat he habitually wears.

Mrs. Manning at Paris.

Mrs. Daniel Manning will represent the United States and the Daughters of the American Revolution at the unveiling of the Lafayette statue in Paris. The statue is the gift of the Daughters and Mrs. Manning is the president of the society.

Though her home is in Albany, Mrs. Manning spends most of her winters in



MRS. DANIEL MANNING.

Washington, where she has a distinguished circle of friends. Daniel Manning was secretary of the treasury during Cleveland's first administration, and his widow continues to hold the popular place she secured during the family's official life at the capital. Mrs. Manning is a woman of distinguished ancestry, of the old Livingston and Schuyler families, pioneers in the early history of Albany.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

The Pumps Connected With the New Orleans Drainage System.

A young man with neatly creased trousers and a pearl pin stuck in his cravat walked over to the gray marble switchboard in pumping station No. 7 and pulled up a small lever. A dozen feet away was a steel turret rising waist high from the floor, and a faint humming sound became audible from its interior. It was about as much noise as is made by an ordinary sewing machine and was the only surface indication that the largest centrifugal pump in the world had commenced business under the turret top. Without any fuss or vibration it was sucking water from the old Orleans canal at the rate of 250 cubic feet a second, hoisting it 12 feet into the air and discharging it over the weir at the other end of the building to find its way to the lake a few miles beyond.

To the average man the term "250 cubic feet a second" is as meaningless as so much Sanskrit, but an excellent idea of the magnitude of the performance is obtained when one knows that 250 cubic feet is equivalent to 2,000 gallons, and 2,000 gallons represents the capacity of a good sized house cistern. In other words, the big pump draws in, lifts and throws out the contents of a large cistern at every beat of one's watch. In a minute it has disposed of 120,000 gallons, quite a good deal of water.

There are three such pumps in station No. 7, and it is estimated that two of them, working at capacity, will be able to take care of any rainfall in this city. They are much the largest single pumps in the world, the nearest approach to them being those at the irrigation works on the bank of the Nile, which are considerably smaller. The installation of the vast machines was completed a week ago last Sunday, and this week they are doing their first practical work.

The pumps proper are vast coils of tube. If something very little might be compared to something very big, it would not be inapt to say that they resemble the shell of a snail. Each of them came in two sections, half of the coil being all that a freight car could carry. The shell, put together, weighs 25 tons and measures 21 feet from side to side. The internal diameter is nine feet, and inside the tube is a series of great revolving runners, the effect of which is to draw the water at one end and discharge it at the other. The shaft on which the runners revolve weighs more than 16 tons.

These enormous coils are placed in circular pits 15 feet below the surface of the pumphouse floor. The power which operates each of them comes from an immense motor fastened to the upper end of the running shaft and covered by the steel turrets already referred to. The motors receive their electricity direct from the general power house in the shape of a 3,000 volt current coming in over a trio of thick cables and in this connection is an interesting and curious detail easily within the grasp of the average layman. The motors are of what is known as the "revolving field" type—that is to say, the field, or great wheel on which the magnets are secured, turns around, while the armatures remain stationary. When a pump is started, the full alternating current of 3,000 volts is not at once turned on, but a 125 volt direct current is first used to magnetize the field or, in homely terms, to "warm it up." This sets up a revolution, and when sufficient speed is attained the full current is applied.

The 125 volts direct are produced by passing the 3,000 volts alternating through a small device known as a "transformer," which effects a complete change in the character and power of the mysterious fluid. The weaker and modified current is also used to operate a number of small auxiliary motors and to feed the arc and incandescent lamps by which the station is lighted.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Paris Dog Cemetery.

Georges Harmois, the owner of the new dogs' cemetery in Paris, thinks that the enterprise will show a handsome profit from the start. Every year, he figures, 20,000 dogs die in Paris. At least one-sixth of this number will be buried in the new cemetery, the charge in each case being \$6, so that the total receipts from this source will amount to over \$20,000. In addition several thousand dollars can be counted on from the sale of monuments, while other amounts will come in from people who wish their dogs' graves kept green.

German Enterprise.

German is the business language of the Balkans. Russian diplomacy complains that Constantinople is becoming as German as Berlin. Asia Minor is slowly being converted into a German colony, and now the Bagdad railway will carry the same influence 2,000 miles onward to the Persian gulf, placing the greatest military power of the world upon the most direct of all roads to India. Even the old English scheme of a Euphrates railway is at last in German hands.—London Telegraph.

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Where He Acquired the Taste.

"You appear to have a taste for horses."
"Taste for horses! I rather guess I have. I was in Kimberley during the entire siege."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Only Reason.

Miss Talky—Mrs. Spange, your new neighbor seems to be such a cheerful lady. She would not borrow trouble.

Miss Gabby—She would if she could cook or wear it.—Baltimore American.

Not Certain.

Musical Enthusiast—Of course you know the "Cavalleria Rusticana?"
Mrs. Gaswell—I think I met him once in Venice, but one sees many titled foreigners, you know.—Chicago Tribune.

A man named E. Presson, of Pressonville, Kans., wrote a letter the other day, saying the opinion of everybody in his town who has used Foley's Honey and Tar is, that it is the very best medicine for la grippe, colds, cough, etc. W. A. D'Alemberte.

Medical Society, Attention.

There will be a regular meeting of the Pensacola Medical Society at the Board of Health office at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, March 27. Visiting physicians are cordially invited to attend.

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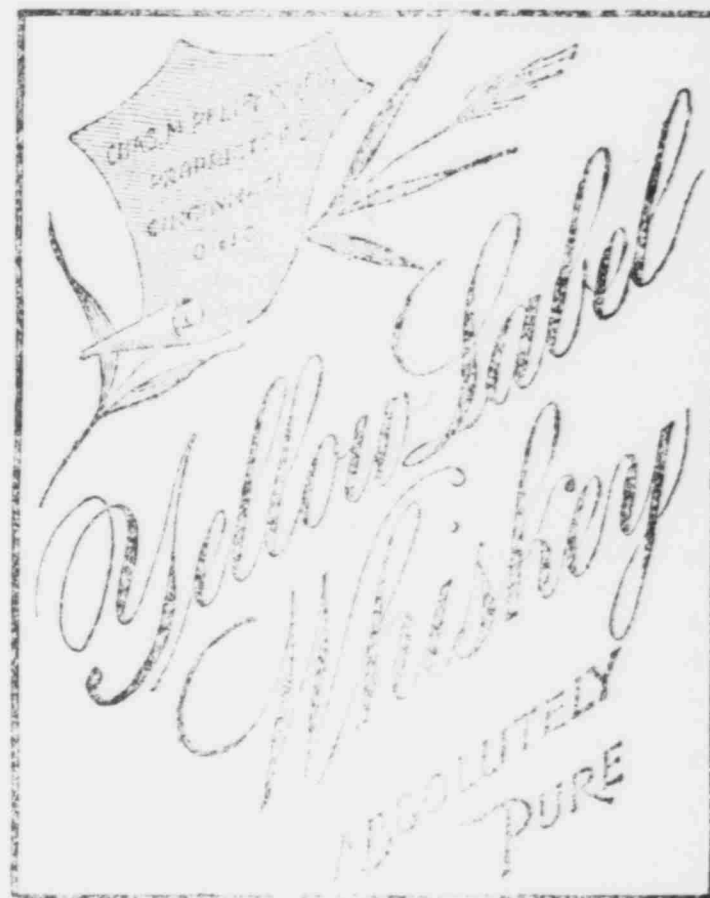
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